Supreme Court of India dated 6th February 2006. M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd. has paid Rs. 40 crores to BSNL within a period of four weeks of the order.

(d) Raising of demand for IUC is governed by Interconnect agreement between the operators and dispute is adjudicated as per provision of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act.

Financial burden due to one India Scheme

2112. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MTNL and BSNL propose to launch the One India Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the scheme would put financial burden on the MTNL and BSNL, if so, how do these service providers propose to offset the burden?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MTNL and BSNL has already launched the "One India Scheme" *w.e.f.* 01.03.2006 as one of the alternative tariff plans which *inter-alia* include charging of long distance calls at a rate of Re. 1/- per minute.

(c) BSNL expects that the "One India Scheme" will result in growth in traffic as well as addition of new subscribers generating additional revenue, off setting the financial burden due to lower rates.

MTNL feels that it is too early to assess the impact on the financial performance.